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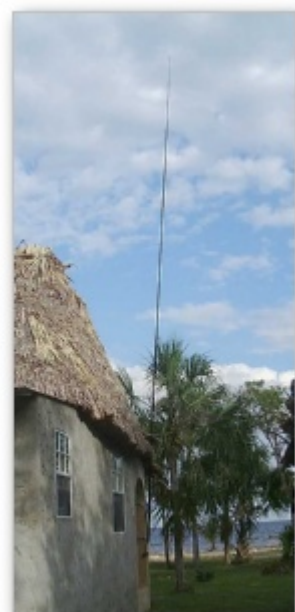
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Update (31-Jan-04)



Terranova base (Antarctica) and V31YN vertical antenna



Babs, DL7AFS and Lot, DJ7ZG will be active as VK9LB from Lord Howe Island



NEWS

1A0 - Francesco/IK0FVC along with IOJBL, IKOFTA and IKOPRG have been active as 1A0KM from the Sovereign Military Order of Malta (SMOM) since 2 January. Operations will continue until 5 January. They have set up two stations, one will concentrate on 15 and 20 metres while the other should be active on the other bands (with an emphasis on the low and WARC bands). Logs are expected to be available at <http://www.sixitalia.org/1a0km/1a0km2004.htm> after the end of the activity. QSL via IKOFTA.

I (Mauro, I1JQJ) am neither a pilot station nor a team member, so please avoid inundating me with inquiries about operating schedules, etc. A special e-mail address (1a0km@sixitalia.org) has been activated: write your call sign in the subject line, use ASCII format only, do not send attachments of any sort, refrain from sending any particular band/mode activity requests and refrain from asking "am I in log?" until after on line logs are published.

3B9 - Robert/F5VHN and Eric/K3NA have joined the Five Star DXers Association's "Project Star Reach", the large-scale DXpedition to Rodrigues Island (AF-017) [425DXN 653]. A multinational team of 29 operators will be active on all bands and modes with up to fifteen high-power HF stations. Look for 3B9C to be QRV by 20 March; a gradual breakdown will start on 12 April, with the team due to leave the island on the 14th. Project Star Reach is seeking contributions from sponsors to help defray the costs of this DXpedition. For further information please visit <http://www.fsdxa.com/3b9c>

3DA0 - ZS5WC, ZS6RAD, ZS5ABD and ZS5WI are active on all bands as 3DA0DX from Swaziland until 28 January. QSL via ZS5WI. [TNX The Daily DX]

4S - A group of the LARC (Lufthansa Amateur Radio Club) will be in Sri Lanka from March 3rd to 8th. They will be operating all bands in SSB and CW. If possible, Rudi DK7PE will try some 160m, depending on the antennas possible. Operators will be Frank (DJ3FK), Bernd (DK7TF), Karl (DL4FP) and (Rudi) DK7PE. [TNX DK7PE]

4S - Four members of the Lufthansa Amateur Radio Club (DL0DLH) - namely Frank/DJ3FK, Bernd/DK7TF, Karl/DL4FP and Rudi/DK7PE - will be active on all bands (160m will depend on local situation) CW and SSB from Sri Lanka on 3-8 February. [TNX NG3K]



5V7C team

>>> 425 DX NEWS TROPHY <<<

The 425DXN survey for the best DXpedition in 2003 is up and running at

http://www.425dxn.org/trophy_2003/

Fourteen DXpeditions have been selected (3C0V, AH3D, BQ9P, CY9A, S05X, STORY, T31MY, TO4E, TS7N, TX4PG, TZ6RD, VK9CD, VP6DIA and XZ7A) and the Trophy will be presented to the winner during a DX Convention (to be defined). Donations EXCLUSIVELY for the Trophy are welcome and gratefully accepted, the calls and names of the donors will be engraved on the trophy and listed on the website.

5V - Dany/F5CW, Franck/F4AJQ, Pascal/F5TVG, Pascal/F5JSD, Romain/F8BUI and Guenther/F5VHQ (OE5TGL) will be active as 5V7C from Lome, Togo on 6-12 March. They will operate on 160-6 metres CW, SSB and digital modes. QSL via F5TVG (Franck Savoldi, P.O. Box 92, 94223 Charenton Cedex, France). For further information please visit http://5v7c.free.fr/les_newslenq.htm or e-mail 5v7c@free.fr [TNX F5NQL]

7Q - Mark/G4AXX, Dick/GU4CHY, Steve/G4JVG and Rich/M5RIC will operate from Malawi between 18 April and 1 May. The callsign will be announced shortly before the start of the operation.



7Q7 lodge

Activity will be on 10-80 metres CW, SSB, RTTY and PSK, using three stations with amplifiers and beam antennas. QSL via G3LQP direct (Roger Brown, 262 Fir Tree Road, Epsom KT17 3NL, England) or via the bureau. A website at <http://www.malawi.digital-crocus.com> has been set up and will include a log-search facility updated regularly. Each of the team members will be making a personal donation to a Malawian aid charity (details to appear on the website) and donations from DX clubs and

individuals for the DXpedition or the charity would be welcome. They may be sent to G4JVG (Steve Telenius-Lowe, 27 Hertford Road, Stevenage SG2 8RZ, England). [TNX G4JVG]

7Q - Harry, G0JMU will be active again as 7Q7HB from Malawi from 8 February for at least a couple of months. QSL direct only via G0IAS. [TNX G0IAS]

8R - Olli, EA4BQ/OH0XX will participate in the ARRL DX CW Contest (21-22 February) as 8R1K from Guyana. Before and after the contest he will operate CW as 8R1RPN mainly on 80 & 160 metres and on the WARC bands. QSL to Olli Rissanen, Calle Ciguela, 331, 28729 Venturada, Madrid, Spain. [TNX EA4BQ/OH0XX]

9A - Milan, 9A4KF plans to operate from different locations in the Pakleni Islands (EU-016) during the weekends in January. Further information is available at <http://www.inet.hr/9a6aa> [TNX 9A6AA]

9A - Look for 9A/DF9MV (Sven), 9A/DJ1MHS (Markus), 9A/DL5MFL (Mathias), 9A/DL9CHR (Chris), 9A2V/p (Vlado), 9A2WJ/p (Daki),

9A3KB/p (Boro), 9A5JR/p (aka OE3REB, Ron) and 9A6AA/p (Emir) to operate CW and SSB from Plocica Island (EU-016) and Lighthouse (WLA LH-0097, ARLHS CRO-013) on 8 and 15 May. They may also use 9AOC1 during the operation. More details will be available at <http://www.inet.hr/9a6aa> [TNX 9A6AA]

9L - Massimo, 9L1MS reports that he now plans to operate from Banana Island (AF-037) on 25 January.

9M6 - Saty, JE1JKL will be active again as 9M6NA (<http://jsfc.org/je1jkl/9m6na.html>)

from Labuan Island (OC-133), East Malaysia from 17 February to 2 March. He will concentrate on 80 and 160 metres and will take part in the ARRL DX CW Contest as SOSB (80 metres). QSL via home call. E-mail requests for bureau cards are welcome at 9m6na@jsfc.org [TNX NG3K]

9Q - Gus, SM5DIC will be going back to the Democratic Republic of Congo on 20 January for two months and will operate (also on 6 metres and digital modes) the club call 9QOAR in his spare time. QSL direct only via SM5BFJ (Leif Hammarstrom, Lerklockan 4, SE-73091 Riddarhyttan, Sweden). [TNX The Daily DX]

9Y - Walter/DL8JS, Ulla/DF6QP, Alfons/DJ8VC, Eberhard/DJ8OT and Hannelore/DH5JR will be active as 9Y4/homecall from Tobago (SA-009) from 26 January to 14 February. They expect to operate on 14277, 21377 and 28377 kHz between 9 and 18 local time. QSL via home calls through the DARC bureau. [TNX DX News Letter]

9Y - Chad, WE9V reports will be active as 9Y4/WE9V (QSL via home call) from Tobago Island (SA-009) from 29 February to 10 March. Plans are to operate on all HF bands on CW, SSB and RTTY, and to participate in the ARRL DX SSB Contest as 9Y4ZC (SOAB HP). QSL 9Y4ZC (for this operation only) via WE9V.

BY - Harri, OH6YF is in Beijing (BY1) until 12 January and plans to be active on the amateur radio bands. He says he will post more information on his web site (<http://www.oh6yf.com>).

C5 - Look for C56/GOVUH to be active on all bands from The Gambia on 16-30 January. QSL via home call. [TNX NG3K]

C5 - Jan, PA9JJ will be active again as C56JJ from Kololi, The Gambia from 29 March to 5 April. This year he will operate also RTTY and/or PSK31 and will try to work on 160 metres. If the low bands are not good, he will concentrate on the WARC bands. No activity on 6 metres is planned. QSL information at www.qrz.com/c56jj [TNX PA9JJ]

C6 - Brian, ND3F will be active (on 10-80 metres CW, RTTY and SSB) as C6A/N3IQ from Abaco Island (NA-080), Bahamas on 2-10 January. QSL via ND3F. [TNX The Daily DX]

C6 - Look for Wade, AA8LL/C6A and Liz, K8LIZ/C6A to operate (mostly SSB on 40-10 metres, with an emphasis on the WARC bands) from Crooked Island (NA-113),

Bahamas on 16-19 January. On 17-18 January they will be active as C6ALB from the Bird Rock Lighthouse (ARLHS BAH-005, WLA LH-0118). QSL via home calls, direct or bureau. [TNX AA8LL]

C6 - Wade, AA8LL and Liz, K8LIZ have cancelled their 16-19 January activity from Crooked Island (NA-113) [425DXN 662]. The trip may be rescheduled in February or March. [TNX AA8LL]

C6 - Steve, AKOM will be active (on 10-80 metres mainly CW) as C6ASB from Treasure Cay (NA-080), Bahamas on 21-28 February, including some casual all-band operation in the ARRL DX CW Contest. Steve's wife Sandy, KCORD may also be active as C6ASC. QSL via AKOM. [TNX OPDX Bulletin]

C6 - Bill, K1CN (C6AMM) and his wife Laurel, N1EBL (C6AWW) will be active again from Harbour Island (NA-001), Bahamas on 6-20 February. Look for activity on 40, 20, 15, 17, 12 and 10 metres SSB (CW if needed). QSL via K1CN, direct or bureau. [TNX K1CN]

C6 - Randy, W6SJ will be active (primarily on CW with an emphasis on the WARC bands) as C6A/W6SJ from the Bahamas Islands on 17-21 February. He will then participate in the ARRL DX CW Contest (21-22 February) as C6AWS (SOAB Low Power). QSL via home call. [TNX W6SJ]

CE - CA5UBP reports he plans to operate (on 80, 40 and 10 metres, from 2 to 11 UTC) from the Bio-Bio Region group (SA-070, Santa Maria and Quiriquina Islands) on 20-25 January. QSL direct only to CA5UBP (www.qrz.com).

CEO_ei - Ralph, KOHML expects to be active in his free time (around 14 UTC and from 22 to 3 UTC) from Easter Island on 8-12 February. [TNX QRZ-DX]

CT - Toze, CT1GFK/P and Goncalo, CT1GPQ/P will be active on 20 and 40 metres SSB and CW from Geada Island (not IOTA, DIP AL-22) on 11 January (7-12 UTC). QSL via home calls. [TNX CT1END]

CT - Weather permitting, CT1GFK/p, CT1GPQ/p, CT2IHP/p, CT2IUA/p and CT1EHX/p will operate from Ilha do Barro (not IOTA, DIP AL-21) on 18 January. Look for them on 40, 20, 17, and 15 metres SSB and CW between 7 and 12 UTC. QSL via home calls. [TNX CT1END]

CT - Weather permitting, CT1GFK/p and CT1GPQ/p will operate from Ilha de Cabanas (not IOTA, DIP AL-07) on 1 February. Look for activity on 40, 20, 17 and 15 metres SSB and CW between 7 and 12 UTC. QSL via home calls. [TNX CT1END]

DL - Gerhard, DL3NBL will be active as TA/DL3NBL/P from Ucadalar Island (AS-099) on 7-14 March. He plans to operate on all bands mainly SSB. QSL via home call. [TNX DL3NBL]

F - Jean-Marc, F5SGI will be active, hopefully as TM6ILE, from Groix Island (EU-048, DIFM AT-012) on 11-18 April. This will be a 10-80 metres CW only operation. QSL via home call (but contacts will be confirmed automatically



via the bureau). [TNX F5SGI]

F - The Council of Europe Amateur Radio Club will be activated with the call TP7CE on on 6-8 February. For further information please visit <http://ewwa.free.fr> [TNX F6FQK]

FG - Pierre, F6FXS will be active once again as FG/F6FXS from Guadeloupe (NA-102, DIFO FG-001) between 14 January and 13 February. He will operate on 40, 30 20, 15 and 10 metres CW only with 30 watts into a long wire antenna. Look for him every day from 13 to 14 UTC and again from 22 to 24 UTC. QSL via home call, direct or bureau. [TNX F5NQL]

FH - Maurice, FH/F6AIG is currently active from Petite Terre, Mayotte (AF-027) and can be found around 17 UTC on +/- 14130 kHz.

FM - Fabrice, F5FUA will be active as FM/F5FUA/p from Sainte Marie, Martinique (NA-107, DIFO FM-001) on 3-24 February. Look for him on 80, 40, 20, 15 and 10 metres (modes not provided) at 11-13 UTC and again at 22-24 UTC daily. QSL via home call through the REF bureau. [TNX F5NQL]

FM - Guy, F5MNV will be active as FM/F5MNV from Martinique (NA-107, DIFO FM-001) from 21 February to 6 March. He will operate on the HF bands only CW during his spare time. QSL via home call, direct or bureau. [TNX F5NQL]

FM - Jacques, F5TRC is active on 10.40 metres CW as FM/F5TRC from Martinique (NA-107, DIFO FM-001) until 5 March. QSL via home call, direct or bureau. [TNX F5NQL]

FO_aus - OH3JR, OH1AWW, OH6KN, OH9MDV, OH1RX and OH1RX [425DXN 660] will be active from Tubuai (OC-152), Austral Islands on 6-18 January. They will operate CW (1822, 3503, 7008, 10108, 14008, 18068, 21008, 24898, 28008 kHz), SSB (1845, 3790, 7050, 14195, 18145, 21295, 24945, 28495 kHz) and some RTTY, with an emphasis on the low bands and QSOs with Europe and US East Coast. Their equipment will include 1/2 element verticals for the low bands and yagis for the higher bands; plans are to have 2-3 stations active. QSL via OH9MDV, either direct (Kimmo Rautio, Sieppotie 10 as 1B, 90650 Oulu, Finland) or through the bureau. The web site for the operation is at <http://personal.inet.fi/private/pcf2004/> (on line logs will be available). [TNX OH6KN]

FOO - A multi-national team of experienced operators led by Dave Anderson, K4SV will be active from Clipperton Island (NA-011) for 8-10 days starting on or around 8 March. The callsign and the web site will be announced just prior to leaving for the island. Activity will be on 10-160 metres on CW, SSB, RTTY, PSK and also AO-40 (CW and SSB) using five stations with amplifiers and beam/vertical antennas. QSL via K4YL. Donations to help cover costs will be gratefully received; for more information please contact Dave, K4SV (K4SV2@Charter.net). [TNX K4SV]

FS - David/K3LP, Larry/N7DD, Steve/N3SB, Tyler/K3MM, Jeff/N8II, Clint/W3ARS and Kam/N3KS will be active as FS/homecall from St. Martin (NA-105) on 18-24 February. They will participate in the ARRL DX CW Contest (21-22 February) as FS5UQ (Multi-Multi). All QSLs are via www.qrz.com [TNX NG3K]

GM - Hans, DJ6AU is active as MMOXAU from the Shetland Islands (EU-012) until the end of March. His preferred frequencies are 18130 and 14270 kHz. [TNX DX News Letter]

H4 - Bernard, DL2GAC is again active as H44MS from the Solomon Islands. He reports he does dot plan to leave his current QTH (Honiara on Guadalcanal Island, OC-047) "in the near future". He currently operates barefoot on 10-80 metres SSB with a window antenna. QSL via home call. [TNX DL2GAC]

HA - On 1 May Hungary will become a full member of the of the European Union and, to celebrate the event, special callsign HA2004EU will be used by members of MOM Radioclub through the end of the year. Further information is available at <http://ha2004eu.hu/> [TNX HA5X]

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HC - Rick, NE8Z will be operating as HC1MD from Tumbaco, Ecuador on 22-28 January. Look for activity on 80-10 metres CW and SSB, with an emphasis on the WARC bands. On 26 January Rick will have access to 6

metres (100w + 5 element yagi) and will be monitoring 50110 kHz all day. QSL via www.qrz.com or K8LJG (John Kroll, 3528 Craig Drive, Flint, MI 48506, USA). Do not forget to give a look to the HC-DX Awards at <http://www.octavia.com/gsl/awards.htm> [TNX NE8Z]

HI - Look for John, G4RCG/HI9 and Bruce, K17VR/HI9 to be active from the Dominican Republic on 17-31 January, CQ WW 160 Meter CW Contest included. QSL via home calls. [TNX The Daily DX]

I - Alfredo, IK7JWX reports he will be signing IR7LH from various lighthouses during next weekend (3-4 January):

Brindisi Lighthouse (WAIL PU-008, ARLHS ITA-107), Punta Torre Canne (WAIL PU-009, ARLHS ITA-150) and Brindisi/Casale (WAIL PU-015, ARLHS ITA-069). QSL via IK7JWX, bureau or direct. [TNX IK7JWX]

I - IZ1CCE, I1RB, IK1MJG, IK1QLD and IZ1ESH will be active as IZ1CCE/L (from Lions Club Solferino in Torino, Italy) on 10-11 January during the 33rd annual Hunting Lions in the Air Contest (<http://www.sarl.org.za/public/contests/lionita.asp>). Look for them on +/- 7085, 14185, 21285 and 28485 kHz. The contest is to commemorate the birth of Melvin Jones, the founder of Lionism, born on 13 January 1879. QSL via IZ1CCE, direct or bureau. [TNX IZ1CCE]



HA2004EU



HC-DX Award

I - ARI Aosta (IX1) club station IQ1VD will be active on 30-31 January during the 1004th (!) annual Fair of Sant'Orso. Look for activity from 8 to 18 UTC on 20, 40 and 80 metres SSB, CW and PSK 31. [TNX IX1OEN and IX1ESM]

J2 - Rene, DL2JRM will be active as J2ORM from Djibouti on 22-30 January (maybe one week longer), CQ 160 Meter Contest included. He hopes to be able to go and operate from Moucha Island (AF-053) during his stay. QSL via DL2JRM. Further information at <http://www.qsl.net/dl2jrm> [TNX DL2JRM]

J3 - Bob, AA1M and Mike, W1USN will be active as J3/homecall from Grenada from 29 January through 6 February. They will operate CW, SSB and some PSK on the HF bands. QSL via home calls, direct or bureau. [TNX OPDX Bulletin]

J7 - Lars, SM0CCM will be active again as J73CCM from Dominica (NA-102) between 5 February and 4 March. He will operate on 160-6 metres mostly CW, with some RTTY and PSK. QSL via home call, preferably through his bureau. Direct cards should include 2 USD or 1 IRC. [TNX SM0CCM]

JA - Look for JA6PSE (on SSB and RTTY, operator JI5USJ) and JA6PSI (CW only, operator JI5RPT) to be aired on 160-10 metres from Takara Shima (JIA AS-049-012, WLH-0884), Tokara Islands (AS-049) from 24 February to 2 March. QSL JA6PSE via JI5USJ (bureau or direct), QSL JA6PSI via JI5RPT (bureau or direct). The web site for the operation is at <http://www.aa.alpha-net.ne.jp/ji5rpt/as-049/> [TNX JI6KVR]

KG4 - Bill, W4WX (KG4DX) has had to cancel his 13-19 January trip to Guantanamo Bay [425DXN 660] owing to "shortage of billeting". He will try again later in the year. [TNX W4WX]

KG4 - Tip, N4SIA will operate on all bands as KG4AS from Guantanamo Bay starting on 20 January for eight days. QSL via home call. [TNX The Daily DX]

LU - Henry, LU4DXU is currently active as LU4DXU/X from Ushuaia (Tierra del Fuego, SA-008) until 22 January. Look for him around 14290 kHz. Depending on transportation opportunities, Henry might operate also from other nearby IOTA islands. QSL via home call. See Antarctic Operations below for the latest information on Henry's activity from the South Orkneys. [TNX DL5EBE]

LU - Alberto/LU1DZ, Hector/LU6UO and Fernando/LW2DX will operate as homecall/L from Esquina, in the rare Corrientes province of Argentina, on 22-27 January. The operation is sponsored by the Grupo Argentino de CW (GACW) and they will operate CW on all the HF bands. QSL LU1DZ/L via EA3RE, others via home calls. [TNX LW2DX]

OHO - Look for OH3BHL, OH7WW and OH9MM to participate in the CQ/RJ WW RTTY WPX Contest (7-8 February) as OH0I (Multi-Single) from the Aland Islands. QSL via OH3BHL. [TNX NG3K]

OX - Frank, DL2SWW and Ric, DL2VFR will be active as OX/homecalls from Maniitsoq (Sukkertoppen) Island (NA-220) from around 18 UTC on 23 April to around 18 UTC on 5 May. They will operate CW and SSB on as many bands as

possible depending on propagation (no 6m activity is planned). QSL via home calls, bureau or direct. Further information is available at <http://www.iota-expedition.com>, where on line logs will be posted after the expedition. [TNX DL2VFR]

OX - Allan, OX3KV (OZ8A) will be active (on all HF bands mainly CW) as OX2KAN for the rest of the year to celebrate the 175th anniversary of Kangaatsiaq. There are also plans to operate from NA-134. QSL via bureau or direct to P.O. Box 551, 3955 Kangaatsiaq, Greenland. [TNX OZ8ABE]

P4 - Paolo, I2UIY and Jacobo, P43P will participate in the CQ/RJ WW RTTY WPX Contest (14-15 February) as P40G from Aruba. Look for P40G (single-operated by I2UIY) during the ARRL DX CW as well. QSL via I2EOW, bureau or direct.

P4 - Andy, AE6Y will be operating as P40Y from Aruba (SA-036) on 15-22 February, including an entry in the ARRL DX CW Contest. QSL via home call. [TNX AE6Y]

PA - ON6UM, ON4LO, ON4LN and ON4BAG will be active (SSB and digital modes) again from Schouwen Duiveland (EU-146) on 19 January. [TNX ON6UM]

PA - ON6UM, ON4LO, ON4LN and ON4BAG will be active (SSB and digital modes) again from Schouwen Duiveland (EU-146) on 24 January. [TNX ON6UM]

PJ2 - Look for Steve, G0CKP to be active on all bands, mostly CW as PJ2/G0CKP from Curacao (SA-006) on 23-31 January, including an entry as PJ2S during the CQ WW 160 Meter Contest. QSL via home call. [TNX G0CKP]

PJ7 - Bill, W8EB and his wife Dorothy, W8DVC will be on the island of St. Maarten (NA-105) from 15 February to

21 March. They will operate as PJ7/W8EB on 160-10 metres CW, SSB, RTTY and PSK31; look for Bill to participate in the ARRL DX CW Contest (21-22 February) as PJ7/W8EB (SOAB), and for K8RLM and W8EB to multi-operate in the ARRL DX Phone Contest (6-7 March) as PJ7B. QSLs via W8EB. [TNX NG3K]

PYO_fri - Bill, W5SJ will operate as PROF from the PYOFF station on Fernando de Noronha on 21-27 January. He plans to be on CW most evenings on 160, 80 and 40 metres; on 24-25 January he will be on 10109, 14225, 18127, 21225, 24935 and 28450 kHz from around 15 to 18 UTC. The CQ WW 160 CW Contest is the main purpose for this trip. [TNX QRZ-DX]

PY - Look for Nelson/PS8NF, Dalton/PS8DCA and Glauber/PS8DEL to be active (on 10-80 metres SSB) as PS8NF/PR8 from Aracagi Lighthouse

(DFB 007) on Sao Luis Island (SA-016, DIB-007) until 1 February. QSL via home call. [TNX PY8AZT and PT7WA]

S5 - Radio Club S59DKR will operate (on all HF bands CW, SSB and digital modes) as S59DKR/p from Drazgose on 10-11 January to celebrate the 62nd anniversary of the battle that took place during WW II. Further information at <http://lea.hamradio.si/~s59dkr> [TNX S58MU]

SV - Kostas, SV1DPI will participate in the BARTG RTTY Contest (24-25 January) as SX1A. QSL via SV1DPI: Kostas Stamatias, Electrical Engineer, P.O.Box 66, 30100 Agrinio, Greece. [TNX SV1DPI]



S59DKR Radio Club



OX - Maniitsoq Island

SV - SV1CIB, SV3FUO and SV3BSF will participate in the CQ/RJ WW WPX RTTY Contest (7-8 February) as J43BSF (Multi-Single). QSL via SV1CIB. [TNX SV1DPI]

SV - Kostas, SV1DPI reports he will be signing SX1A in contest until June. He plans to participate in the CQ/RJ WW WPX RTTY, ARRL DX CW and ARRL DX SSB events as SOAB LP. QSL via SV1DPI (Kostas Stamatidis, P.O. Box 66, 30100 Agrinio, Greece).

T33 - The equipment for the T33C DXpedition to Banaba [425DXN 651] has been shipped. The team will arrive on Tarawa (T30) late in March and T33C should be on the air by 4 April. The 2-week expedition will be a major effort, featuring 24 hour a day operations on all bands and modes with seven separate stations. The expedition still needs contributions to cover costs. Contributions may be sent to F5CWU (Flo Moudar, 25 Rue du Castel Salis, 37100 Tours, France) or by PayPal to pa2r@muurkrant.com or pa5et@muurkrant.com; for further information, please visit <http://www.dx-pedition.de/banaba2004>. [TNX K6SRZ, doctore@well.com]

T8 - Kazu, JH6WDG will operate (on 80-10 metres SSB and CW) as T88AQ from Palau (OC-009) from 27 January to 2 February. QSL via home call, bureau or direct. [TNX JH6WDG]

TJ - Oscar/IK2AQZ, Giuliano/IK2OPW and Mario/IW2HUZ will be active as TJ1GA from Cameroon on 16-30 January. They will operate SSB and PSK31 on 80-6 metres. QSL via IK2AQZ, direct or bureau. [TNX I2FUG]

UA - Alex, RX3AJL/p plans to operate (only on 20 metres SSB) from Vodokhlebinina and possibly other islands for the Russian Robinson Award along the White Sea coast on 8-10 January. [TNX RZ3EM]

UA - Alex/RV3DPM, Vadim/RX3AKL, Vadim/RX3AKQ, Serge/UA3DNR and possibly Dmitry/RA3DEJ will operate (on 80-10 metres CW and SSB) as RK3DZJ/3 (QSL via RA3DEJ) and R3ARS/3 (QSL via RA3AKF) from the Russian National Park "Kerzhenskiy" (RRF-46, RDA NN-26) on 16-18 January. For full information on the RFF Award, please visit <http://www.hamradio.ru/rrc/> [TNX UA3DNR]

V3 - Gerd/DJ4KW and Gisela/DK9GG will be active on 10-160 metres as V31YN (CW) and V31GW (RTTY) from Belize from 10 January

through the end of February. On 2-6 February they will operate as V31YN/P (10-40 metres CW only) from Lighthouse Reef (NA-123). QSL via home calls, direct or bureau. Logs will be available at <http://www.qsl.net/dj4kw> and <http://www.qsl.net/dk9gg> [TNX The Daily DX]



VP5/K7BV

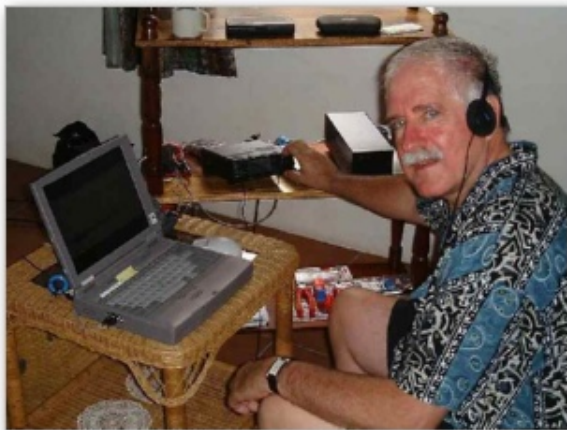
SSB and digital modes. Propagation permitting, plans are to have three stations on the air for as many hours every day as is possible. QSL V8JIM via G3SWH, QSL V8NOM

V8 - Jim/G3RTE, Phil/G3SWH and Ray/HS0ZDZ (G3NOM), in association with Greg/V85GD, will be mounting a DXpedition to Negara Brunei Darussalam (Brunei, OC-088) between 8 and 15 March. The main operation will take place from the QTH of Greg, V85GD under the special callsign of V8JIM. A single operator entry will also be made in the RSGB's Commonwealth Contest using the special callsign of V8NOM. Activity is planned for all bands from 160 to 10 metres and will include CW, SSB and digital modes. Propagation permitting, plans are to have three stations on the air for as many hours every day as is possible. QSL V8JIM via G3SWH, QSL V8NOM via GM4FDM. Sponsorship and donations will be gratefully accepted. [TNX G3SWH]

VK9 - Babs, DL7AFS and Lot, DJ7ZG will be active as VK9LB from Lord Howe Island (OC-004) on 16-27 February and as VK9NB from Norfolk Island (OC-005) starting on 1 March for two weeks. Look for activity on 80-6 metres SSB, RTTY and PSK. All QSLs via DL7AFS, either direct (Baerbel Linge, Eichwaldstrasse 86, D-34123 Kassel, Germany) or through the DARC bureau. Their web site is at <http://www.qsl.net/dl7afs> [TNX DL7AFS]

VP5 - Look for VP5/HA5JI, VP5/VE3NZ and VP5/VE3NE to be active from the Turks & Caicos Islands until 29 January. They will participate in the CQ WW 160 Meter CW Contest as VP5JI. All QSLs via HA8FW, direct or bureau. [TNX HAOHW]

VP5 - Dennis, K7BV will be active (with an emphasis on the WARC and 6/2 metre bands) as VP5/K7BV from the Turks & Caicos Islands on 19-26 February. He expects to participate in the ARRL DX CW Contest using VP5M (approval pending). Updates will be posted on <http://www.qth.com/k7bv/>



V31YN



V31GW

[Turks](#) ; QSL via KU9C. [TNX K7BV]

VU - Ram, VU3DJQ expects to operate as either AT0D or AT0DJQ during contests (20 metres only) from 10 January through 31 March. QSL via EA7FTR. [TNX VU3DJQ]

W - Dan, W2NDP and Budd, N4WBJ will be active from Honeymoon Island (NA-034) on 11 January. QSL via home calls, direct or bureau. [TNX The Daily DX]

W - From 7 to 19 local time on 1 February the Nacogdoches Amateur Radio Club (W5NAC) will run two special event stations to honour the crew of the Space Shuttle Columbia as well as the numerous volunteers (more than 350 volunteer amateur radio operators) and agencies involved in the recovery effort. Further information at <http://www.andersoft.com/narc>

W - Look for a group of operators from the Hillsborough County (FL) Sheriff's Tactical Amateur Radio Club, the Long Island DX Association (NY) and The Brandon Amateur Radio Society (FL) to be active as W2NDP/4 from Honeymoon Island (NA-034) on 7-8 February. They plan to run two stations during local daylight hours on 10, 15 or 20 metres and one station on 40 meters during local evening hours. QSL direct to W2NDP. [TNX W2NDP]

XE - Hector, XE2K and others will be active as XF1K from an island in the Sonora State South group (NA-166, the most "most wanted" IOTA group in North America) on 5-9 February. Plans are to operate on 10-80 metres (maybe on 160m as well) SSB and CW, with three 100 watt stations powered by battery and generator for 18-24 hours on the air. They will have two triband yagis, two verticals for 10-40m and 10-80m (maybe a third one for 10-160m) and one dipole for 80-40-30m. QSL via N6AWD (Fred K. Stenger, 6000 Hesketh Dr., Bakersfield, CA 93309, USA). Further details will be provided in due course. [TNX XE2K]

XE - After three unsuccessful attempts due to rough seas, Yves/F5TYY, Andre/F6AOI, Bernard/F9IE and Alain/F6BFH were finally able to land and log around 1300 QSOs as XF1/homecalls from Las Tres Marietas (NA-189). On 23 January they went and operate from Pena Blanca in the Colima/Michoacan State group. From both these locations they used car batteries during their daylight hours only, as neither generators nor overnight stays are permitted on these bird sanctuaries. The group will be back to Mexico City on 24 January; on the 26th they expect to leave for the XE3 call area and their first stop should be Ciudad del Carmen on Carmen Island (NA-135). QSL via home calls. [TNX XE1L and La Gazette du DX]

XF4 - The web pages for the XF4IH DXpedition to Socorro Island (NA-030), Revillagigedo [425DXN 660] are under construction at <http://xf4ih.xedx.net/>. The all-band all-mode operation is confirmed to start on 3 March. QSL via XE1IH (Enrique Garcia Munive, P.O. Box 118-481, 07051 Mexico - D.F., Mexico). [TNX XE1IH]

XT - Orlando, VE4JOP is currently active as XT2OP from Burkina Faso until 26 January. He plans to operate daily on 14195 kHz between 12 and 14 UTC. QSL via home call. [TNX The Daily DX]

XU - Peter, NO2R has had to postpone his XU7ACY activity [425DXN 661] from Cambodia. He will be leaving on 31 January and should be QRV from about 2 to 8 February. [TNX NO2R]

XU - Hiroo, XW2A will be active as XU7AAA from Cambodia on 2-7 January. QSL direct to P.O. Box 10003, Vientiane, Laos. [TNX JI6KVR]

XU - Peter, NO2R will be active as XU7ACY from Sihanoukville, Cambodia on 5-12 January. He will operate

on 160, 80 and 40 metres exclusively. QSL via K2NJ. [TNX OPDX Bulletin]

YI - Kaspars, YL1ZF is active as YI9ZF from Baghdad for the coming 6-8 months. Kaspars prefers CW, but he has also equipment for RTTY. QSL via SM1TDE, either direct (Eric Wennstrom, P.O. Box 94, SE-62016 Ljugarn, Sweden) or through the SM bureau. Direct cards without sufficient return postage will be replied to via bureau. [TNX SM1TDE]

YI - George, K7YMA has been active as YI9YMA from Iraq since 29 January and will remain there through 15 April. He will operate on 10, 15 and 20 metres SSB only as duties permit. QSL via K7YMA, direct or bureau. George will submit his log to LOTW upon return to his home QTH. [TNX K7YMA]

YVO - The Daily DX reports that the DXpedition to Aves Island [425DXN 655] is now delayed until late February or (more likely) March.

ZC4 - "After some extensive negotiations", George, 5B4AGC says, "we are pleased to announce that ZC4A will be QRV during the upcoming CQ WW 160m CW Contest. This will be a combined operation from members of the various Sovereign base areas and we have been given permission to use a redundant 200 ft tower which we will be shunt feeding". The operators will be

5B4AGC, 5B4AGN, 5B4FL and ZC4CW. QSL via 5B4AGC.

ZC4 - The CQ WW 160 Meter Contest ZC4A operation [425DXN 663] has been cancelled owing to "unforeseen difficulties". It is possible that ZC4CW may be active. [TNX 5B4AGC]

ZD8 - Glenn, K6NA will be active again as ZD8A from Ascension Island (AF-003) on 13-17 February and again from 28 February to 2 March. He will operate on on all HF bands, mostly CW. QSL via N6CW. [TNX The Daily DX]

CQ 160-Meter CW Contest (24-24 January) ---> The following stations have announced their participation in this year's event:

- * BW3/JD1BKQ as Single Operator, Low Power from Taiwan. QSL via JR3PZW.
- * DL6FBL and DL8WPX as DL6FBL (Multi-Single). This will be a Winter Field Day on an airfield; further information at <http://www.dl6fbl.de/dl6fbl/cq160>
- * Nodir, EY8MM (<http://www.qsl.net/ey8mm>) as a Single Operator entry. QSL via K1BV.
- * Rick, K6VVA as KP2CW from the U.S. Virgin Islands. QSL via home call.
- * DK2OY and DK6WL as LX5A (Multi-Single) from Luxembourg. QSL via LX1RQ.
- * DL4SDW, DL8SCG and LX2AJ as LX7I (M/S) from Luxembourg. QSL via LX2AJ.
- * G4XUM, G0HSS and M0BEW as MD4K from the Isle of Man. QSL via G3NKC.
- * K1ZM, WW2Y, K2WI and VK6VZ as VY2ZM from Prince Edward Island, Canada. QSL via K1ZM.
- * Stan, OK1JR (YB0AJR) as YEOX from Jawa, Indonesia. QSL via the YB bureau.
- * Kas, YI9ZF (YL1ZF) from Iraq. QSL via SM1TDE. The on-line log at www.qsl.net has been updated with the first 4000 QSOs. Give a look to the Announced Operations listing maintained by Bill, NG3K at <http://www.ng3k.com>.



>>> **ANTARCTIC OPERATIONS (*)** <<<

ANTARCTICA - Obi, JA0WJN/8J1RF will be going QRT from Dome Fuji Station (AN-016) on 20 January [425DXN 622 & 42DXN 626]. The research station will be closed on the 23rd and it will take a couple of weeks to reach Syowa station on East Ongul Island (AN-015) by snowmobile. For further information, please visit http://www.jarl.or.jp/English/4_Library/A-4-7_8j1rl/2002/frame.htm [TNX F5NOD]

ANTARCTICA - Nikolai Makarov, UA3YH/AB0KG (R1ANM) is active as KC4AAA from the Amundsen-Scott Base (South Pole, AN-016). QSL via K11ED. Give a look to the beautiful pictures on web site at <http://mitglied.lycos.de/mapu2001/nsf.html> [TNX F5NOD]

ANTARCTICA - Michele, IK7JGQ is active as KC4/IK7JGQ from "Baia Terra Nova" station until 31 January. He can be found on 14185 kHz, with Luigi (IK8OZZ), between 17.30 and 18.15 UTC. For further information, please visit <http://www.italiantartide.it/default.asp>

Give a look to the beautiful pictures on web site at <http://www.gdargaud.net/Antarctica/TerraNova.html>

- Ricardo, CE3HDI will be active (on all bands CW and SSB) as CE9R from the Chilean base "Presidente Eduardo Frei Montalva" on King George Island (South Shetlands, AN-010) until 24 February. QSL via CE3HDI. [TNX CE6TBN]

- Voytek, SP5QF will be active as either HF0QF and HF0POL from the Polish "Henryk Arctowski" station at Rakusa Point, King George Island (South Shetlands, AN-010) until December. He will operate on all bands CW and SSB. QSL via SP7IWA, direct or bureau. [TNX SP7IWA]

- Filippo, IK0AIH was active as KC4/IK0AIH/p from "Concordia" base on 5 January. Located at Dome C (75.06S-123.23E, East Antarctic Plateau, AN-016) and opened in January 1997, this Antarctic station is a project developed jointly by France and Italy.

Give a look to the beautiful pictures on the station's web site at <http://www.concordiastation.org> In the meanwhile, Michele/IK7JGQ operated as IAOPS from the Italian "Baia Terra Nova" station at Terra Nova Bay, Victoria Land (AN-016).

- Martin, LU3DO is the new the new medical doctor at the "Orcadass" base on Laurie Island, South Orkneys (AN-008). He is expected to operate as LU3DO/Z until March 2005 and to use the equipment that Henry, LU4DXU will leave at the base after his own operation [425DXN 659]. [TNX DL5EBE]

ANTARCTICA - The three operators (namely Filippo/IK0AIH, Fabrizio/I0HJC and Michele/IK7JGQ) at the Italian Antarctic station "Baia Terra Nova" are now

active as IROPS (new call). They can be found around 17.30-18.15 UTC on 14185 kHz, where they plan to be QRV also between 7.30 and 8.30 UTC (long path). Michele, IK7JGQ reports he expects to board and operate /mm from the polar ship "Italica" starting around 30 January. [TNX IK7JGQ]

SOUTH ORKNEYS - On 23 January Henry, LU4DXU will board the supply ship "Almirante Irizar"; he expects to arrive to Laurie Island, South Orkneys (AN-008) on the 26th and to operate as AY1ZA from the "Orcadass del Sur" base until 29 February. He plans to operate SSB (28390, 24930, 21190, 18130, 14290, 7090, 3785 kHz), CW (28035, 24905, 21035, 18090, 14035, 10120, 7025, 3515, 1835 kHz), RTTY (28120, 21090, 14090 kHz) and PSK31 (21070, 14070 kHz) with a linear amplifier, a 4-element yagi, a rhombic antenna and some wire antennas. QSL via LU4DXU (Horacio Enrique Ledo, P.O. Box 22, 1640 Martinez - Buenos Aires, Argentina). [TNX DL5EBE]

SOUTH ORKNEYS - Henry (Horacio), LU4DXU eventually left Ushuaia for the South Orkneys in the late UTC hours on 26 January. He expected to be QRV as AY1ZA [425DXN 663] from Laurie Island (AN-008) around 31 January. Look for him on 14250 kHz at 01.30 UTC. Henry plans to operate SSB (28390, 24930, 21190, 18130, 14290, 7090, 3785 kHz), CW (28035, 24905, 21035, 18090, 14035, 10120, 7025, 3515, 1835 kHz), RTTY (28120, 21090, 14090 kHz) and PSK31 (21070, 14070 kHz) with a linear amplifier, a 4-element yagi, a rhombic antenna and some wire antennas. QSL via LU4DXU: Horacio Enrique Ledo, P.O. Box 22, 1640 Martinez - Buenos Aires, Argentina). For further information, please visit www.ay1za.dxers.com.ar/

SOUTH SHETLANDS ---> Dominik, DL5EBE reports that Oleg, UA1PBA from Bellingshausen Station (R1ANF) has got verbal permission to operate again

from the German Dallmann Laboratory on King George Island. Hopefully the call sign he used in 2003 (DP1ANF) will be issued again for an activity to take place in February-March.

There are also plans to operate from the Chilean Ardley Refuge (Ardley Island), which, according to Dominik, "in some listings appears as 'German Penguin Laboratory'". Actually this Antarctic refuge (originally established by the former German Democratic Republic and taken over by the Alfred Wegener Institute for Polar and Marine Research) was activated only once by DL7VTS as DP1KGI (January-February 1995) under the unofficial and fictitious name of "German Penguin Laboratory", before being transferred to the Chilean Antarctic Institute in February 1997 (see WABA Directory 2003 at



Concordia base



Amundsen-Scott Base

<http://www.425dxn.org/wabadir.zip>). Further information on both the operations is expected in due course.

SOUTH SHETLANDS - Oleg/UA1PBA, Alex/UA1PAW and Slava/UA1PAI will be overwintering at Bellingshausen station (R1ANF) on King George Island (AN-010). They should be able to spend more time on the amateur radio bands starting in late February; operations from the German Dallmann Laboratory (King George Island) and the Argentine Ballve Refuge (Ardley Island) are also being planned. [TNX DL5EBE]

(*) As far as base names, locations and accessory information are concerned, the reference source is the

WABA Directory 2003 (which is also an acknowledged reference source for the RSGB IOTA Programme). The WABA Directory is downloadable at <http://www.425dxn.org>, but please note that 425 DX News is not and has never been involved in WABA management, so please refrain from contacting us on WABA matters.



TNX Luigi, I19HLC and Piero, I19ZGY



Good to know

>>> DXCC RULE CHANGE <<<

At its January meeting, the ARRL Board of Directors removed paragraph 1.c) ("The entity has a separate IARU member-society") from the DXCC Rules criteria for determining a DXCC entity. This provision, implemented in 1998 as part of the DXCC 2000 Program, had provided that "An entity will be added to the DXCC List as a political entity if it [...] has a separate IARU member-society." Since then, the rule has allowed for the addition of four new DXCC entities and the retention of one existing entity. Unfortunately, the provision also had the unintended consequence of stimulating applications for IARU membership that do not further the objectives of the IARU, creating an unfortunate and unnecessary administrative burden. The rule change will have no effect on entities created by or as the result of the rule. According to DXCC Rule II, 5. C), "A change in the DXCC criteria shall not affect the status of any entity on the DXCC List at the time of the change." The other two criteria for the determination of a political entity for DXCC continue in effect: 1.a) "The entity is a UN member-state." and 1.b) "The entity (except international organizations) has been assigned a call sign prefix block by the ITU." The Board resolved to amend the DXCC rules by deleting IARU membership as a basis for determining a "political entity."

1A0KM ---> Contrary to previous announcements, on-line logs for the most recent 1A0KM operation will not be available - not for the time being, at least. According to their web page, 1A0KM was pirated on the following days/times: 2 January 23-24 UTC (40 metres CW), 3 January 08-09 UTC (20 metres CW), 4 January 01-06 UTC (40 metres CW) and 20-21 UTC (40 metres CW). [TNX <http://www.sixitalia.org/1a0km/1a0km2004.htm>]

3XY1L ---> Leo, UT1WL/3XY1L logged about 15,000 SSB QSOs during his stay in Guinea, between 16 March and 9 December 2003. His QSL manager (UY5XE) has sent out some 8,000 cards so far (around 900 direct, the rest via the bureau). [TNX UY5XE]

6M BEACON ---> Danny Ponce, WP4F reports that WP4F/B is active around the clock on 50091 kHz with 5 watts and a 5/8 vertical antenna. Danny is the Sysop of "El Faro DX Cluster" in San Juan, Puerto Rico (telnet wp4f.dns2go.com port 23), as well as the QSL manager for WP4DX (ARRL 10 Meter Contest).

LIGHTHOUSES ---> Alfredo, IK7JWX (ik7jwx2003@yahoo.it) provides the list of lighthouses he has operated from so far (QSL via home call, direct or bureau):

Year	Day/Month	Call	Lighthouse	WAIL	ARLHS	WLH
2000	12/11	IK7JWX/p	Monumento al Marinaio d'Italia	PU-008	ITA-107	-
	19/11	IK7JWX/p	P.ta San Cataldo di Lecce	PU-007	ITA-142	-
	26/11	IK7JWX/p	Torre Sant'Andrea (Missipezza)	PU-006	ITA-170	-
	3/12	IK7JWX/p	Torre Sant'Andrea (Missipezza)	PU-006	ITA-170	-
2001	6/1	IK7JWX/p	P.ta Torre Canne	PU-009	ITA-150	-
	28/1	IK7JWX/p	Torre San Giovanni (Ugento)	PU-003	ITA-171	-
	11/2	IK7JWX/p	Torre San Giovanni (Ugento)	PU-003	ITA-171	-
	18/3	IK7JWX/p	Traversa Island (EU-091)	-	ITA-175	LH-005
	13/5	IK7JWX/p	P.ta Palascia (Capo d'Otranto)	PU-005	ITA-137	-
	20/5	IK7JWX/p	Capo Santa Maria di Leuca	PU-004	ITA-039	-
	26/5	IK7JWX/IB0	Ventotene Island (EU-045)	LA-005	ITA-172	-
	1/7	IK7JWX/p	Torre Sant'Andrea (Missipezza)	PU-006	ITA-170	-
	18-19/8	IK7JWX/p	Capo Santa Maria di Leuca	PU-004	ITA-039	-
	22/8	IK7JWX/IB0	P.ta della Guardia (EU-045)	LA-004	ITA-128	-
	4/11	IK7JWX/p	Capo San Vito	PU-001	ITA-040	-
	2/12	IR7GM/p	P.ta San Cataldo di Lecce	PU-007	ITA-142	-
2002	18-19/5	IK7JWX/p	Capo Santa Maria di Leuca	PU-004	ITA-039	-
	17-18/8	IK7JWX/p	Sant'Andrea Island (EU-091)	-	ITA-084	LH-075
	2-3/11	IK7JWX/p	Porto Industriale Interno	PU-002	ITA-117	-
	9-10/11	IK7JWX/p	San Cataldo di Bari	PU-010	ITA-141	-
	19-23/12	IK7JWX/ZA0	Sazan Island (EU-169)	-	ALB-004	LH-028
2003	1/6	IK7JWX/ZA3	Cape Durres	-	ALB-002	-
	14/7	IK7JWX/p	Porto Cesareo Front	-	ITA-237	-
	19-20/7	IK7JWX/p	Brindisi/Casale	PU-015	ITA-069	-
	17-18/8	IK7JWX/p	Torre San Giovanni (Ugento)	PU-003	ITA-171	-
	30-31/8	IK7JWX/p	Porto Cesareo Rear	-	ITA-238	-
	1/11	IR7LH	P.ta San Cataldo di Lecce	PU-007	ITA-142	-
	15/11	IR7LH	P.ta San Cataldo di Lecce	PU-007	ITA-142	-
	22/11	IR7LH	P.ta San Cataldo di Lecce	PU-007	ITA-142	-
	6-7/12	IR7LH	Torre Sant'Andrea (Missipezza)	PU-006	ITA-170	-
	13-14/12	IR7LH	Torre Sant'Andrea (Missipezza)	PU-006	ITA-170	-
	27/12	IR7LH	P.ta Palascia (Capo d'Otranto)	PU-005	ITA-137	-
2004	3/1	IR7LH	Monumento al Marinaio d'Italia	PU-008	ITA-107	-
	3/1	IR7LH	Brindisi/Casale	PU-015	ITA-069	-
	4/1	IR7LH	P.ta Torre Canne	PU-009	ITA-150	-

ANTARCTICA ACTIVITY WEEK ---> The Worldwide Antarctic Program has announced that the first Antarctica Activity Week will be held from 22 through 28 February. The aim of this annual event is to promote worldwide interest in the Antarctic continent; stations operating from the various Antarctic bases, as well as special event stations from the rest of the world, are expected to take part in the AAW. An award will be issued for contacts made during the activity week. Further information will be available at <http://www.ddxc.net/wap>

CCIA ---> The Five Argentine Islands Award (Certificado Cinco Islas Argentinas) is issued by the Grupo Argentino de Radiotelegrafia for five contacts made on CW with as many stations located on LU islands. See <http://gacw.no-ip.org/islas.html> for further details. [TNX GACW]

CE6TBN/8 ---> Three pilot stations will assist Marco, CE6TBN during his operations from the islands of Riesco (SA-091, 12-15 January) and Wellington (SA-032, 17-20 January) [425DXN 658]. They are JA1QXY (ja1qxy@mub.biglobe.ne.jp) for Japan, CE1VLY (ce1vly@123mail.cl) and CE1URH (ce1urh@hotmail.com) for the rest of the world. [TNX CE6TBN]

CHILEAN ISLANDS ---> Marco, CE6TBN his planning his future IOTA operations and would like to know which Chilean groups (SA-001, SA-005, SA-008, SA-013, SA-018, SA-031, SA-032, SA-043, SA-050, SA-053, SA-061, SA-064, SA-069, SA-070, SA-083, SA-085, SA-086 and SA-091) are most needed by island chasers. Check your logs and send your list to iota@surnet.cl [TNX CE6TBN]

DELTA DX ASSOCIATION ---> The officers of the Delta DX Association (Metairie, LA) for 2004 are Chip Tilton/K5RSG (President), Don Boudreau/W5FK (Vice-President), John Uhl/W5ZE (Secretary) and Walt Cockerham/N5VN (Treasurer). [TNX W5ZE]

DXCC HONOR ROLL DEADLINE ---> The deadline to be shown in the next DXCC Honor Roll list is 31 March 2004. There are 335 entities on the DXCC list and the current minimum requirement for Honor Roll is 326 current entities. The DXCC Honor Roll list will appear in August 2004 QST.

DXCC NEWS ---> DXCC Manager Bill Moore, NC1L reports that 1.218 Tutauand W SA4.1(r0.1836-782 1A Tc00f10.4812 0 Teuyi i)r(Ti)7.9(l(s)-3.1)4.2(rE6TBN)Pr1(u)-38 uuaute3OLL D .8(i)2elTw[(e3OLL D .TJ1(Tw)-4.0.0023 6(Tc0.51d93(II)-7.ellr)-10.2eDj/TT4(rE4 u)2.)2.4(ellr)t6.7 T38.(erh)3.rrrE4 7.9

PORTUGUESE NAVY HF CONTEST ---> It will be held from 8 UTC on 15 May through 23 UTC on the 16th. Details are available at <http://www.qsl.net/cq5mgrp> . [TNX CT1END]



POSTAGE ---> Owing to the increasing strength of some local currencies against the US dollar and/or new and more expensive postal rates, 1 USD no longer covers return postage from several countries to destinations outside their own continents. Reports received so far include Australia (VK4AAR), Canada (VE3LYC), Denmark

(OZ1ACB), France (F5MNV), Germany (DL6ZFG), New Zealand (ZL4HU), The Netherlands (PA3GIO), Sweden (SM7AED), who adds that 1 USD is not sufficient also from Sweden to other European countries). As for Italy, 1 USD is no longer sufficient for Priority Mail letters sent to destinations outside Europe. The current postage for a standard letter up to 20 grams is EUR 0.62 (Europe), EUR 0.80 (Africa, Asia, Americas), EUR 1,00 (Oceania) by Priority Mail (more reliable) and EUR 0.45 (Europe), EUR 0.65 (Africa, Asia, Americas), EUR 0.70 (Oceania) by Ordinary Mail.

QSL VIA UA4WHX ---> Vladimir, UA4WHX (AC4LN) is back home after his long Pacific travels (about 85,000 QSOs made from 25 DXCC Entities and 35+ IOTA groups between 1 May and 25 December 2003). QSL cards will not be ready earlier than a couple of months. The correct QSL route is via UA4WHX either direct (Vladimir M. Bykov, P.O. Box 2040, 426000 Izhevsk, Russia) or through the bureau. Cards sent to AC4LN (CBA or bureau) will be replied to, but it will take time; those who have a large number of direct cards, as well as those who would like to contribute with more than ordinary return postage, are invited to contact Vladimir (ua4whx@mail.ru) for arrangements or to send it all to AC4LN. Logs are on paper and will not be available on-line in any form at any time. Vladimir was active as follows:

Date	Call	Island	DXCC	IOTA
May 1-12	KH6/AC4LN	Big	Hawaii	OC-019
May 13	KH2/AC4LN	Guam	Guam	OC-026
May 14-15	V63MB	Yap	Micronesia	OC-012
May 16-18	V63MB	Mog-Mog (Ulithi Atoll)	Micronesia	OC-078
May 19-20	V63MB	Yap	Micronesia	OC-012
May 21-26	T88VV	Peleliu and Koror	Palau	OC-009
May 27-Jun 1	KHO/AC4LN	Saipan	Mariana Islands	OC-086
Jun 2-6	V63MB	Pohnpei	Micronesia	OC-010
Jun 6-11	V63MB	Kosrae	Micronesia	OC-059
Jun 11-20	V73VV	Majuro and Arno	Marshall Islands	OC-029
Jun 24-30	5W0VB	Upolu	Samoa	OC-097
Jun 30-Jul 4	ZK2VB	Niue	Niue	OC-040
Jul 4-9	5W0VB	Savai'i	Samoa	OC-097
Jul 10	A35VB	Tongatapu	Tonga	OC-049
Jul 11-14	A35VB	Foa	Tonga	OC-169
Jul 14-17	A35VB	Vava'u	Tonga	OC-064
Jul 17-19	A35VB	Tongatapu	Tonga	OC-049
Jul 19-31	ZL/AC4LN	various locations	New Zealand	
Aug 2-4	P29VVB	New Britain	Papua New Guinea	OC-008
Aug 4-8	P29VVB	Los Negros	Papua New Guinea	OC-025
Aug 9-12	P29VVB	Karkar	Papua New Guinea	OC-258
Aug 12-18	P29VVB	New Guinea	Papua New Guinea	OC-034
Aug 18-20	H44VV	Guadalcanal	Solomon Islands	OC-047
Aug 20-23	H44VV	Nggela	Solomon Islands	OC-158
Aug 24	H40VB	Nendo	Temotu Province	OC-100
Aug 25-29	H40VB	Pigeon	Temotu Province	OC-065
Aug 30	H40VB	Nendo	Temotu Province	OC-100
Aug 31-Sep 3	H44VV	Guadalcanal	Solomon Islands	OC-047
Sep 5	YJ0VB	Efate	Vanuatu	OC-035
Sep 6-8	YJ0VB	Ambrym	Vanuatu	OC-035
Sep 9-12	YJ0VB	Malakula	Vanuatu	OC-035
Sep 13	YJ0VB	Efate	Vanuatu	OC-035
Sep 14-16	YJ0VB	Tanna	Vanuatu	OC-035
Sep 17-18	YJ0VB	Efate	Vanuatu	OC-035
Sep 21-24	FK/AC4LN	Art	New Caledonia	OC-079
Sep 25	FK/AC4LN	New Caledonia	New Caledonia	OC-032
Sep 27-Oct 3	FW/AC4LN	Wallis Island	Wallis & Futuna	OC-054
Oct 4-7	3D2VB	Viti Levu	Fiji	OC-016
Oct 8-14	3D2VB/R	Rotuma	Rotuma	OC-060
Oct 16-20	3D2VB	Viti Levu	Fiji	OC-016
Oct 21-28	T30VB	Abaiang	West Kiribati	OC-017
Oct 29-Nov 5	T20VB	Funafuti	Tuvalu	OC-015
Nov 6-7	3D2VB	Viti Levu	Fiji	OC-016
Nov 9-15	ZK1/AC4LN	Penrhyn	Northern Cook Isls	OC-082
Nov 18-26	ZK1/AC4LN	Mangaia	Southern Cook Isls	OC-159
Dec 2-6	FO/AC4LN	Nuku Hiva	Marquesas Islands	OC-027
Dec 7-9	FO/AC4LN	Hiva Oa	Marquesas Islands	OC-027
Dec 11-12	FO/AC4LN	Rurutu	Austral Islands	OC-050
Dec 13-15	FO/AC4LN	Tubuai	Austral Islands	OC-152
Dec 16-25	FO/AC4LN	Leeward Isls (various)	French Polynesia	OC-067

POSTAGE FROM AUSTRALIA ---> Peter, VK6RZ reports that "due to the increasing value of the Australian dollar against the US dollar, one US dollar is no longer sufficient for return postage except to the Asia/Pacific region".

QSL 1AOKM ---> The new QSL manager is IKOFTA (Sergio Roca, P.O. Box 7132, 00162 Roma Nomentano - RM, Italy). Requests without return postage, as well as those without a self-addressed envelope, will be processed, but cards will be sent via the bureau. Please refrain from sending QSLs for QSOs made in different years in the same envelope. QSL requests via e-mail will be ignored.

QSL 5B4AHJ ---> Alan, G3PMR has now moved permanently to Cyprus. Bureau cards for 5B4AHJ (and 5B/G3PMR) should be addressed to 5B4AHJ (not via G3PMR). QSL requests via email (g3pmr@shacklog.co.uk) are acceptable. Direct cards should be sent to Alan Jubb, P.O. Box 61430, 8134 Kato Pafos, Cyprus. All QSLs already sent via G3PMR will reach Alan and will be acknowledged, but new QSL requests should be made as above. [TNX 5B4AHJ]

QSL 5NOW ---> Vaclav Voldrich, OK1DXE reports that his work assignment at the Czech Embassy in Nigeria ended at the end of 2003. He operated as 5NOW and 5NOHVC [425DXN 623] and he expects to send the first QSL cards in a few days' time. In the past 5NOW was also used by David, OK1RK, and many sources still give him as QSL route. Please note that cards for contacts made with 5NOW from 1 July 2000 should go to OK1DXE, direct or bureau. [TNX OK1DXE]

QSL 9H1PF & P29KPH ---> Bill, K5YG is no longer the QSL manager for 9H1PF and P29KPH. Cards for 9H1PF should be sent direct, for P29KPH QSL per operator instructions. Bill has a few cards left for those QSLing direct with return postage or a green stamp. [TNX N5FG]

QSL 9K2MU ---> Alan, WA4JTK would like to remind everyone that 9K2MU does not have any cards. QSLs are to be sent direct only to WA4JTK, who processes the requests as soon as logs are received from Kuwait. All cards are up to date as of 12 November 2003.

QSL 9K9A ---> There was some confusion before, but it has been sorted out and, effective immediately, Tim/N9NU will be handling QSL duties for 9K9A (contest call for 9K2AI). Cards can be sent either direct (Tim Dickerson, 900 Vincent Drive, Sandwich, IL 60548, USA) or via the bureau. Tim is the QSL manager also for KH6XT, 9K2AI, A92GE and YB0GJS (on line logs at <http://www.n9nu.net/logsearch/logsearch.php>); he has two additional slots open if anyone needs a manager. [TNX N9NU]

QSL 9V0A & VP8PJ ---> Alan, VK4AAR is receiving e-mails and cards for 9V0A and VP8PJ simply because he is the manager for 9V1DX (the same operator in each case). Please note that the QSL routes for these operations have not been announced yet. "I will hold any cards that come to me for either of these Antarctic operations", Alan says, "and will honour them if I get the job". 9V1DX is expected to post the QSL information on his web page (<http://www.geocities.com/vk0ld/1.html>) when he returns to Singapore in a couple of weeks. [TNX VK4AAR]

QSL 9V0A ---> Alan, VK4AAR reports he has been asked to manage the QSL cards for Alan's (9V1DX) recent activity as 9V0A from Patriot Hills. "Cards will not be ready for a little while", VK4AAR says, "as the operator is now headed to Africa on work for a couple of weeks and still has to get his log ready for me on his return". QSL direct only to Alan Roocroft, P.O. Box 421, Gatton 4343, Australia. As for return postage, Alan says that although "our Aussie dollar is still getting stronger against the US

dollar", greenstamps are "still the preferred way, as IRCs can be a problem".

QSL A52CQ ---> Dane, A52CQ (S57CQ) left Bhutan on 15 January. He logged 1880 QSOs, many of them on the low bands. According to Slavko, S57DX (QSL manager), cards will be printed in the next 2 or 3 weeks. If you use IRCs, please make sure that the coupon is properly stamped in the left corner. [TNX S57DX]

QSL EU-166 ---> Alfio, IT9EJW reports that all of the direct requests received so far for IT9EJW/P, IT9HLN/9 and IK8PGM/9 from Pietra di Patti (IIA ME-030, August 2003) have been processed and mailed.

QSL FM/T93Y ---> Boris, T93Y reports that all direct, bureau and E-mail requests have been processed. More information about this contest DXpedition, including detailed information how to QSL to Bosnia Herzegovina, is available at <http://www.t93y.com/fm2003> Bureau cards requests are welcome at fm2003@t93y.com

QSL FO/IT9YRE ---> Nando, IT9YRE reports that the direct cards for Maria Island (OC-264) will be mailed starting on 3 January, to let island chasers receive them before the IOTA annual update deadline.

QSL IQ6AN ---> Lan, I6KYL reports that all of the QSOs made by IQ6AN from Monte Cappuccini Lighthouse (WAIL MA-003, ARLHS ITA 104) during the latest International Lighthouse/Lightship Weekend have been confirmed automatically via the bureau.

QSL KH7R ---> Please note that Ken, W8LU is not the the QSL manager for KH7R (Hawaii). The correct QSL route is direct to Ken Hoppe, P.O. Box 95521, Las Vegas, NV 89193-5521, USA. [TNX K1XN and The Golist]

QSL MANAGER SURVEY ---> This is a nomination process by DXers of the Top 5 QSL Managers with whom they have had dealing with in 2003. "The purpose of this voting is to give at least a small 'thank you' to the work performed by QSL managers around the world", John, K1XN says. "They do not receive enough praise for the work they perform, nor are they respected enough by the DXers who benefit from their work". Please send the call signs of the 5 Best QSL Managers (in your opinion) for 2003 to golist@golist.net; the results of this survey will be given to N4AA for inclusion in the QRZ-DX bulletin. The deadline for voting is 1 February. [TNX K1XN and The Golist]

QSL OC-264 ---> All of the direct cards for FO/IT9YRE, FO/I1SNW and FO/IT9EJW have been mailed. These operations, as well as V63RE and V63WN in 2002, are also accepted for DXCC credit.

QSL PZ5A ---> QSLs for PZ5A (CQ WW DX SSB 2003) and for pre/post contest operation by PZ5UE, PZ5FF and PZ5CQ have been received from the printer and it is hoped to have all direct requests re

QSL UA0FDX ---> Victor, UA0FDX reports that EA5OL is no longer his QSL manager. Cards should be sent direct to Victor Komzuc, P.O. Box 29, Yuzhno-Sakhalinsk 7, Sakhalin Island, 693007 Russia.

QSL UA0ZAL/p ---> A few days ago George, UY5XE received from UA0ZC the logs for UA0ZAL/p (AS-039, October 2001). George expects to have cards printed by mid-February. His address is George A. Chlijanc, P.O. Box 19, Lviv 79000 Ukraine. [TNX UY5XE]

QSL VIA LY2MM ---> Al, LY2MM reports that effective immediately he will no longer be able to receive any 4L1AE, 4L1W and 4L5T bureau cards, as the Lithuanian ARS now makes a charge for QSL management. "Direct QSLs are and will be processed promptly", he says, "but please, do not send any card through the Lithuanian QSL bureau".

QSL VIA N9NU ---> Tim, N9NU says there was a typo in his qrz.com information page and e-mail signature, as he is the QSL manager for A92GQ (and not A92GE, as reported in 425DXN 662). Tim says he will be handling QSL services for Serge, UA9CKN as well. Log searches are available at <http://www.n9nu.net/logsearch/logsearch.php>

QSL VIA UA3DFX ---> Vladimir, UA3DFX is the new QSL manager for 4J1S, 4K1V, 4K60AA, 4K7DWZ and 4K7Z. His address is Vladimir Ulyanov, P.O. Box 10, Moscow 121615, Russia. [TNX UA3SAQ]

QSL VIA UA3FDX ---> Vladimir, UA3FDX (not UA3DFX as reported by UA3SAQ in 425DXN 662) is the new QSL manager for 4J1S, 4K1V, 4K60AA, 4K7DWZ and 4K7Z. He has logs and cards also for 4K50V, 4K51V, 4K52V and 4K53V. The address is Vladimir Ulyanov, P.O. Box 10, Moscow 121615, Russia. [TNX UA3FDX]

QSL VIA VE3EXY ---> Effective immediately, Nenad takes over all QSL chores from Nick, VK1AA (ex VK2ICV). This includes the following call signs: H40XX, H44XX, VK1AA/2, VK1AA/4, VK9LX, VK9LX/9. Cards can be sent either direct (Nenad Stevanovic, P.O. Box 65046, Nepean, Ontario K2G 5Y3, Canada) or through the Canadian bureau. At the moment Nenad has VK9LX, H44XX, and H40XX blank QSL cards, while VK9LX/9, VK1AA/2 and VK1AA/4 are still in process of being printed. Multiple requests are OK, but keep in mind that Canada Post accepts only 30 gr letters for basic international rate (please note that 1 USD is no longer sufficient for an international overseas letter from Canada). The list of Nenad's QSL clients is at <http://www.magma.ca/~ve3exy/clients.html> [TNX VE3EXY]

QSL VK4WWI/P ---> Johan, PA3EXX reports that the QSL cards for his recent operation from Cato Reef (OC-265) are likely to be available in February. A few pictures and on-line logs are available at <http://home.tiscali.nl/~su042021/>



VK4WWI/P – Cato Reef

QSL VQ9JC ---> Jim, WB9IHH is in the Merchant Marine and currently on a ship at McMurdo Base, Antarctica. He has been on the ship since March 2003, which covers five operations as VQ9JC (April, June, July, August/September and November 2003), and Jim will not be home until April at the earliest and possibly May. Jim is aware that "a huge box full of QSLs" is waiting for him, but it takes him a bit of time once he gets home to get through the logs and QSLs. [TNX W7IAN]

QSL YI/ON5NT ---> Ghis, ON5NT reports that all direct cards have been replied to. The rest of the QSOs will be confirmed

automatically via the bureau. In the meantime Ghis got his personal call (Y19N), but "I doubt that I will ever use it", he says.

QSL Z33F ---> Pietro, IZ8FWN reports he is the new QSL manager for Zoki, Z33F. He confirms QSOs made from 1 January 2001 onwards.

SURVEY ---> Jose, CT1EEB is carrying out an informal survey on the current band needs (160-6 metres) for Timor Leste (4W), Angola (D2), Sao Tome (S9), Mozambique (C9), India (VU). Let Jose know by e-mail (zemurtosa@mail.telepac.pt) what bands you still need for these DXCC Entities.

TEXAS DX SOCIETY ---> The Texas DX Society has elected the following new officers to serve in 2004: Mike Anderson, N5MV (President); Don Daze, N5DD (Vice-President); Ed Gerber, W5GCX (Secretary); Dave Topp, W5BXX (Treasurer). The Texas DX Society (<http://www.tdxs.org>) fosters the growth of DX and contest activities centered around South Texas, USA. [TNX N5DD]

Z38M ---> IZ8CCW and IZ8FWN logged about 10,000 QSOs during their recent activity from Macedonia. They wish to express their gratefulness to Z36W, Z33F, Z31GX and Z32XX for the help given. Logs will be posted soon on the Mediterranean DX Club's web site at <http://www.mdxc.org/z38m>, where pictures are already available. [TNX IZ8CCW]

+ **SILENT KEY** + IK1AWV reports the sad news of the passing of INORC member Stelvio Bozzano, I1BWI, past President and doyen of ARI Imperia, who became a Silent Key on 7 January.

+ **SILENT KEY** + Ace Jevremov, DJ0LZ (Z32FD) reports that Petar "Pepi" Krajcev, Z31PK passed away on 13 January at 64 years of age. "I was his QSL manager", Ace says. "Pepi was one of the best teachers for all of us in Macedonia". [TNX K1XN and The Golist]

News from the WEB

1A0KM: On line logs for QSOs made with 1A0KM between 1994 and 1998 are available at <http://www.qsl.net/ik0hbn/log.htm>; for QSOs made in year 2000 please visit <http://www.sixitalia.org/1a0km/1a0km.htm>

CONTEST: An excellent source of information is the Contest Service by Jan Eric Rehn, SM3CER (<http://www.sk3bg.se/contest/>)

DX SPOTS: Rod Elliott, VE3IRF has collected the DX from the OH2AQ Web Cluster since January 1997. The collection - from January 1997 up to November 2003 - is available at <http://www.425dxn.org/dxspots/>

EUROPA: Jean-Michel Duthilleul, F6AJA, Editor of "Les Nouvelles DX", has written an article on Europa Island features a complete set of 18 QSL cards used for past operations from this DXCC Entity. Go to "published articles" at <http://LesNouvellesDX.free.fr> [TNX F6AJA]

LOGS: On-line logs of the recent Z38M operation can be found at <http://www.mdxc.org/> [TNX IZ8CCW]

LOGvrr: The new version of LOGvrr 2.6 by Roberto Vendrame, IN3VRR (in3vrr@despammed.com) is downloadable for free at <http://www.qsl.net/in3vrr>

UARL: UARL Secretary Vladimir I. Vakotov, UT1WA reports that <http://www.uarl.com.ua> is no longer the for the Ukrainian Amateur Radio League web site.

YO DX HF CONTEST: The results of the 2003 event now available at <http://www.hamradio.ro/contests/yodxhf2003/> [TNX



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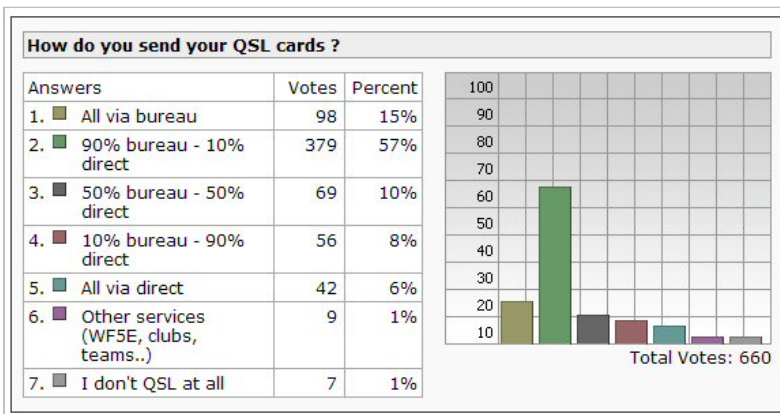
112), A43GI (AS-119), A45WD, A52SM, A61AJ, BQ9P, C56TA, CY9A, D44TT, D4B, ET3PMW, EY8MM, FG/EA2RY, FO/DF6IC, FO/DL3GA, FO/G35WH/P, FO5QB (OC-046), FY5KE, HU1M/3 (NA-190), J5UAT/P (AF-020), J8DX, JD1YAB, KH8/N5OLS, KM9D/KH8 (OC-200), MD4K, OA4BR, P29KM, P29KM/P, PTOF, PYOFF, RA6AU, R11CGR (EU-133), RW6AWT, S9SS, SU9BN, SX9G (EU-187), T21MY, T32Z, T88ZX, UE1RRC/1 (EU-119), V63SXW, V63ZT, VK9CD, VK9XW, VP9/IK2RZP, VQ9LA, VU2RCR, WH2A, YA1BV, YJ0ONM, Z22JE. **QSLs received direct or through managers (2):** 1A0KM, 3A2MD, 3COV, 3D2II, 3G1P (SA-085), 3XY1L, 4K6CD, 4S7VK, 5H3RK, 5R8FL, 5R8HA/P, 5U7B, 5W1SA, 5Z4FM, 6K2CLF/4 (AS-085), 6W/ON5TN, 7P8NK, 7Q7PS, 7W4HI (AF-094), 8P6KY, 9G5ZZ, 9J2BO, 9J2KC, 9K2MU, 9M2/G44ZFE/P, 9M6NA, A43GI (AS-119), A45WG, A52SM, A61AJ, AH2R, AP2IA, BD5RI, BQ9P, C49A, C56JHF, CE0Y/SP9EVP, CE0Y/SP9PT, CW4A, CX9AU, CY9A, DP1POL, EK3SA, EP3CQ, EP3SMH, F/ON5MF/P (EU-058), FO/DL3GA (OC-152), FO/I1SNW (OC-264), FO/IT9EJW (OC-264), FO/IT9YRE (OC-264), FS/N5GI, FY5FY, H40H, HC1/NP3D, HC8N, HK3CQ, HP1/DL2OE, HV5PUL, HZ1AB, HZ1MD, IK8PGM/9 (EU-166; IIA ME-038), IT9EJE/p (EU-166; IIA ME-038), IT9EJW/p (EU-166; IIA ME-038), IT9FCC/p (EU-166; IIA ME-038), IT9HLN/p (EU-166; IIA ME-038), J49RW, J8DX, JD1YAB, JY4NE, JY8YB, JY9QJ, KH7X, KK2H/KH2, KP2D, OC4WW, OHONL, P29KM, P40E, PW0T, R1ANM, R1PQ, S21YY, T21MY, T31MY, T77M, TAO/F5SNY (AS-098), TA1FA, TA2IJ, TF8GX, T13TLS, T15/KE0UI, T15N, TL8CK, TU2MA, TXOAT, V31FG, V47KP, V47UY, V73AZ, V85GA, VK4GL/P (OC-265), VK9CD, VK9XW, VP9I, VQ9LA, VR2MY, WH0L, WR2W/KH2, XU7ACT, XZ7A, Y19X, YJ0AMY (OC-110), YJ0ATU (OC-110), YN9HAU, YS1UL, YW5M (SA-015), YW6P (SA-090), YW8D (SA-063), Z22JE, Z24S, ZD8Z, ZK2GB, ZL5CP, ZM8CW. **QSLs received direct or through managers (3):** 1A0KM, 3B8/PA0VHA, 3B9FR, 3B9ZL, 3COV, 3D2BT, 3D2MO, 3V8BB, 3XD02/P (AF-051), 4H1LC (OC-244), 4K2BY, 4S7AB, 4W1SW, 5T5HC, 5W0UU, 6W/ON5TN, 7W4HI (AF-094), 7X4AN, 9J2BO, 9M6NA (OC-133), 9M6OO, 9N7YJ, A61AJ, BQ9P, CE8/R3CA (SA-091), CN2R, CY9A, D4B, D88S, DP1POL, EL2AR, ERO/DL6MHG, ES1QD, FK8HN, FM/T93Y, FM5BH, FO/DL1IAN (OC-152), FO/IT9YRE (OC-264), FR5FD, FR5ZL, FW5ZL, HC8GR, HC8N, J20DA, J20RM, J37VG, J5UAT/P (AF-020), J88DR, J8DX, JY9QJ, KG4OX, KP2/OK1TN, LX/G3VQO, MD4K, OA4O, OA4WW, OX3NUK, OX3SA, P29VXX, PJ2/WB9Z, PTOF, PYOFT, PZ5A, PZ5CQ, PZ5FF, PZ5UE, S79NS, S9SS, T21MY, T5X, T88VC, T94JJ, TAO/F5SNY (AS-098), TA2DA, TA2IJ, TG0AA, TXOAT, V31DJ, V31FG, V73GE, V73NS, VK4GL/p (OC-265), VK9CD, VK9CJ, VS6WO, XQ6ET, XZ7A, YA1BV, YI/N3YPI, YN4SU, YV5JBI/P (SA-090), YW5M, Z22JE, ZA1B, ZD7CY, ZD8Z, ZP6CW, ZW0S.

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1A0KM	IKOFTA	EW6GF	DL8KAC	RK0AXX	RA0ALM
3Z0CWZ	SP9PTG	FM5WE	K3PD (a)	RK3DZJ/3	RA3DEJ
3Z2AOB	SP2AOB	FO/OH6KN	OH9MDV	RK9QWZ	RW9QA
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4J1S	UA3FDX	FS/W3ARS	N3TOG	SN2AIB	SP2AIB
4K1V	UA3FDX	GB2NBL	G3UZU	SN2JLR	SP2JLR
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4K7Z	UA3FDX	HE2MM	HB9MM	T94JJ	OE1EMS
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06/03-07/03	Open Ukraine RTTY Championship - RTTY	***

IOTA expedition by VK4WWI /P
OC-265 Cato Reef 23° 15'S 155° 32'E
Coral Sea Islands Territory South
Johan Willemsen (PA3EXX)

The discovery of Cato Reef:

On the morning of 10 August 1803 three ships, the *Cato* of London, the H.E.I.C.s *Bridgewater* and the *Porpoise*, left Sydney Cove for Batavia through the Torres Strait, steering north-east. Onboard the *Porpoise* was Matthew Flinders, an English explorer returning to England after exploration of the coasts of Terra Australis for the Admiralty. On the 17th *Cato* signalled for land. This proved to be a dry-sand bank which was named Cato's Bank (Cato Island).

The 2003 IOTA expedition:

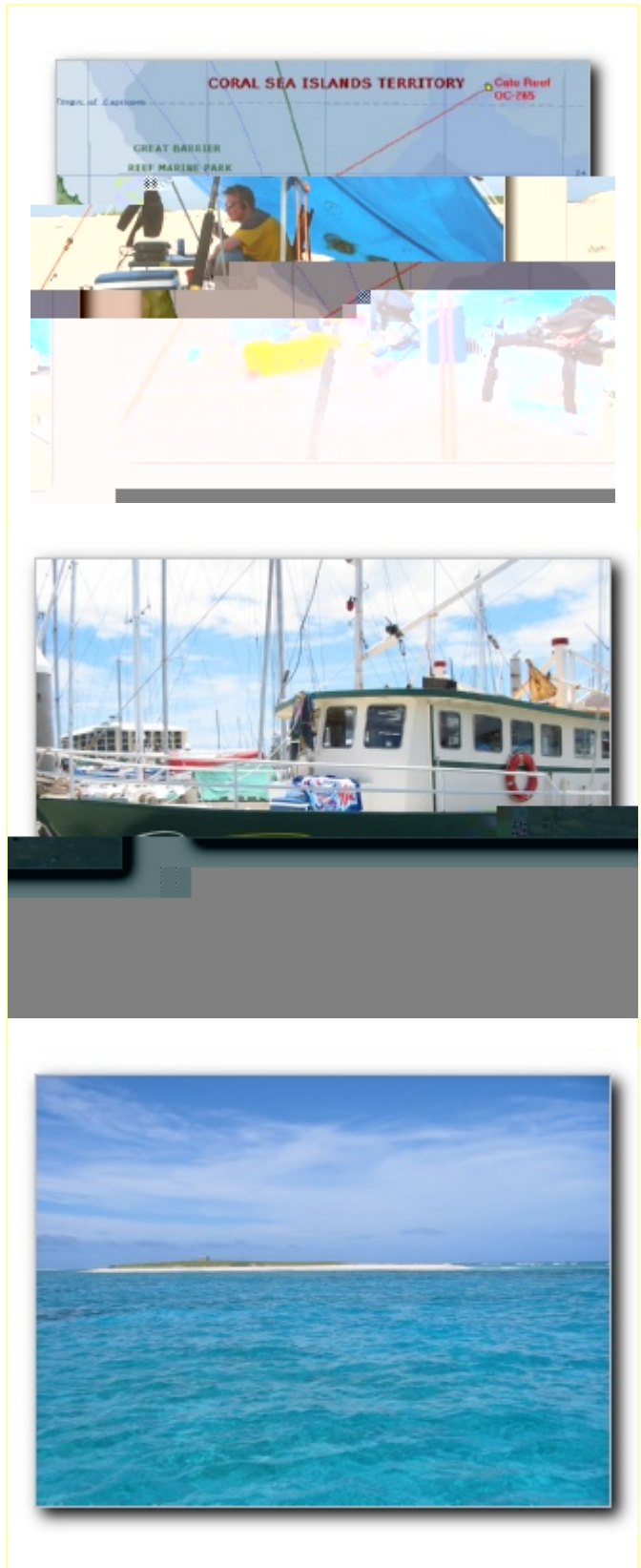
After my expedition to OC-172, OC-187 and OC-255 in 2002 I started looking for a new IOTA in early 2003. I was preferring another expedition to Australia because I had done all the necessary paperwork concerning license and travelling before and I could use my contacts from the last expedition for finding a boat and helping out with preparations.

All non-activated groups in Australia left are difficult ones, you have to use a seaworthy ship to reach them and you have to make sure that you have the necessary permits. After contacting the Department of Environment and Heritage and the Great Barrier Reef Marine Protection Authority I found out that for Cato Reef no special permits were required because it is not situated inside a Marine Park.

After some inquiries amongst local diving and fishing companies we found the MV Odyssey in Hervey Bay, north of Brisbane and we planned to activate Cato Reef for the Coral Sea Islands Territory South Group and Marion Reef for the Coral Sea Islands Territory North Group.

However, after contacting the GBRMPA again I found out that for entering Marion Reef the boat needs a special permit. Because the Odyssey did not have a permit like that and because of the limited timeframe I decided to activate only Cato Reef and to make sure that everybody would get a good opportunity to work me. This turned out to be a good decision because we lost 2 days on the trip up to Cato and we wouldn't have made it to Marion Reef anyway.

The license to be used was another concern. Cato Reef does not qualify for VK9 DXCC countries and to avoid confusion I did not want to apply for a VK9 license. The Australian Communications Authority indicated that if I didn't want a VK9 license I had to use VK4WWI/P and I had to be very specific of the days of operation. The renewal of my VK4WWI license was very easy and I must mention the ACA is very supportive and precise on matters like this.



On 30 November 2003 I flew from Amsterdam to Brisbane and the next day I flew in a small plane up to Hervey Bay where the Odyssey was waiting in the marina. There I found out that there had been quite a storm and that we could not sail for another 24 hours because of the high seas. The day waiting in the marina were spend on testing the equipment, a Kenwood TS50 with an Outbacker Tri-split running on batteries. Finally we left Hervey Bay on 2 December 00:00 LTC for Cato Reef.

Our skipper had calculated that it would be a 25 hour trip. The distance was 200 miles and the Odyssey was doing 8 knots. However he did not account for the East Australian Current running against us with 4 knots hi. The seas were high, the boat was small and all of us were very seasick. We were doing 4 hour turns of watch with 8 hour resting periods.

Our skipper had informed the Coast Guard of our expedition and they had agreed upon a contact every 12 hours for the weather report and to make sure everything was fine.

After leaving the shelter of Hervey Bay it turned out that not everything onboard Odyssey was prepared for the Pacific Ocean. First the television set was smashed. When we picked it up from the floor you could hear the broken parts inside, but it was still working. One hour later the large fridge in the centre of the superstructure fell over with all food inside. Everybody was sick and thinking about going home.

We reached Cato Reef on Wednesday evening after 46 hours sailing. It was getting dark and we decided to wait for the next morning to find a safe entrance to the lagoon. A large part of Cato Reef and it's surroundings have not been surveyed yet. Odyssey was anchored on the leeward side of Cato Reef.

The echo-sounder indicated a depth of 11 meters where a few miles further away the ocean floor was at 2000 meters. This, in combination with the full moon a few days ago made the sports fishermen amongst us quite excited. During the next days they would catch Shark, Dogteeth Tuna, Marlin, GT's and Wahoo. Some fish over 100 kilograms of weight. These fish were photographed, weighted, measured and released.

The next morning we lifted anchor and circumnavigated Cato Reef. Inside Cato Reef's lagoon is an island called Cato Island, inhabited by thousand of birds. The safe passes into the lagoon indicated on the map just didn't exists and the large waves breaking on the reef convinced us that it would be better to enter the lagoon with a small dinghy. We wanted to anchor inside the lagoon because there are no waves there and the ship would be safe and comfortable, but that was not possible.



The dinghy was lowered from the top of the Odyssey and three of us decided to find a safe entrance to the lagoon first and later return with the equipment. We found a spot where the waves were not very high and about 30 minutes later the skipper steered our dinghy into the lagoon. This was like sailing in a fish tank, you could see the coral and fish at the bottom and large turtles swimming on the surface.

A few minutes later we pulled the dinghy high up on the beach and walked around Cato Island. The island is inhabited by thousands of birds and when you are on the wrong side of the island the ammoniac smell of the birds is breathtaking. There is a small solar powered weather station on Cato Island and a fishing-boat shipwreck on the reef.

We went back to the Odyssey and packed the dinghy with all equipment, tent, food, water and a charged battery. My station was set up on the beach, as far away from the birds as possible because of the noise and smell. We prepared a dipole on 8 meter fishing rods and set up the Outbacker Tri-split vertical antenna close to the sea. The Outbacker turned out to outperform the dipole and was used during the entire operation.

My first qso on 14 MHz was with VK2IAY/4 on expedition to OC-160 on 23:42 UTC, 3 December. Propagation was not bad during those first daylight hours: VK, JA, VE, N6 and PY. When it got dark I qsy'd to 21 Mhz for Europe and I was on the radio for 15 hours in a row. In the night I had to stay on the island. Odyssey was anchored outside the reef and it was too dangerous to pick me up in the dark in the small dinghy. The same pattern of operation was maintained for 3 nights.

When propagation closed down and I was tired I closed the tent against the crabs and slept for a few hours until sunrise. Then the dinghy would come to pick me up and I could have a meal and a shower and charge the battery for the next night.

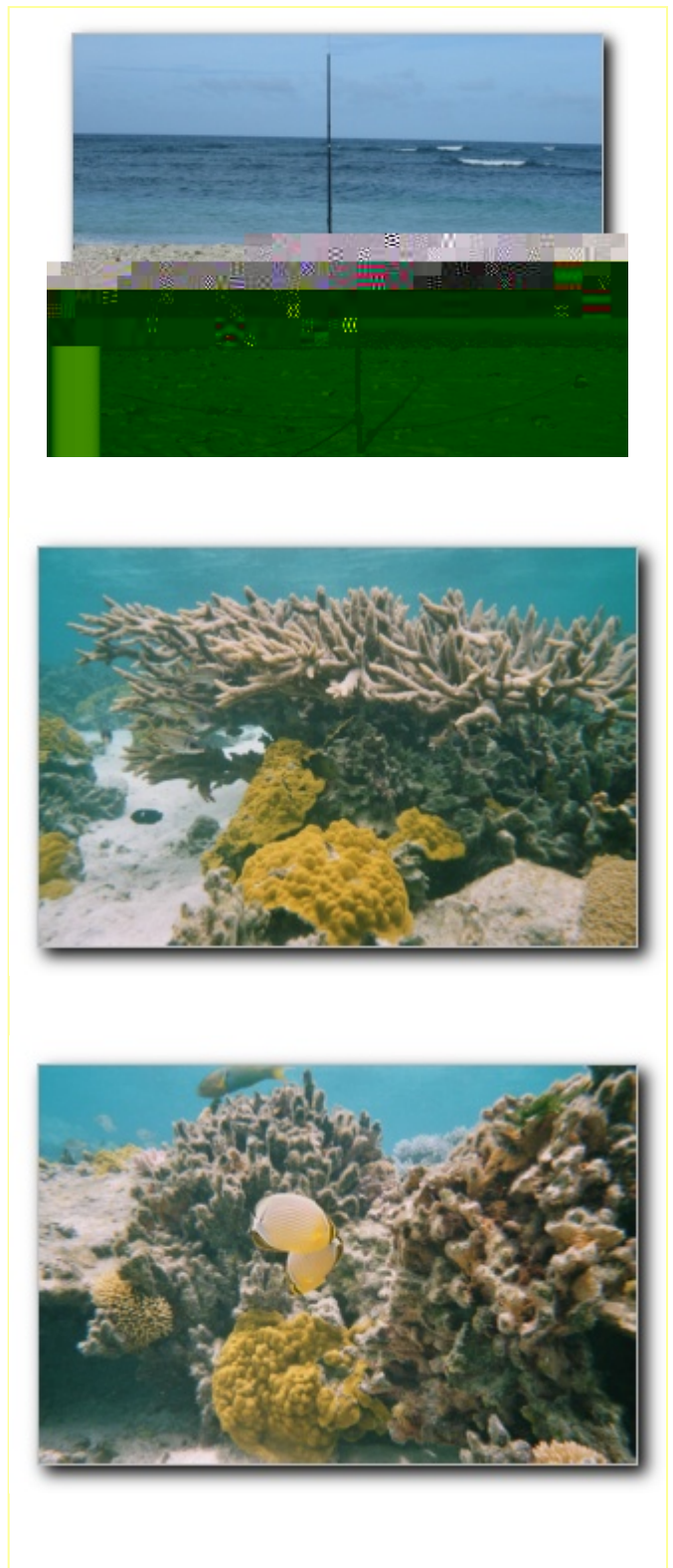
The equipment was working fine and propagation was good, especially at night. During 3 nights I made 2100 contacts with 90 countries on 14, 21 and 28 MHz. It was quite exciting to hear AH8, 3D2, FO and ZK1 stations calling. Japan was close by and about 800 contacts were with JA stations, but also HK, LU, HP, XE1 and PY signals were very strong.

On Sunday morning we sailed back to Hervey Bay. I flew to Sydney for a two day visit and arrived back in Holland on 13 December. The log and some pictures are available at: <http://home.tiscali.nl/~su042021/>.

G3KMA, Roger, has approved of the paperwork and OC-265 is a valid operation for the Islands On the Air. The qsl cards have been ordered and are expected early February, so not in time for the 2004 honour-roll.

That leaves me to thank you all for your support and wish you all a prosperous and happy 2004.

73's, Johan Willemsen, PA3EXX



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